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**From:** Philip, Jeff  
**Sent:** Mon 8/10/2015 6:28:26 PM  
**Subject:** FW: OSWER, R8 Action; Guardian; DDL COB; Aminas River Spill (Deadline: TODAY)  
Mount Polley Sites in R10.docx

Region 8 Communications Team,

Just wanted to pull you into this media request we received earlier today from the Abandoned Mine Lands Team, which originally came from OSWER.

I am guessing you all should be involved in the response to the reporter from the UK Guardian. We have not responded yet to Shahid Mahmud's request yet.

Let me know how you would like us to proceed.

Thanks

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**From:** Marcy, Ken  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 10:39 AM

**To:** Grandinetti, Cami  
**Cc:** MacIntyre, Mark; Philip, Jeff  
**Subject:** RE: OSWER, R8 Action; Guardian; DDL COB; Aminas River Spill (Deadline: TODAY)

Hey Cami,

Attached is a piece I put together with the team for Dennis (we're having a follow-up meeting tomorrow – I believe Rick is attending) – looking at Mt. Polley type sites in R10 (now expanded to R8 and R9) – we weeded out the lesser ponds, but from the write-up you can glean a figure. This does not include sites that are closed out – or the abandoned sites we're just not aware of.

I was told today that anything Aminas River related was to be referred to Jeff Phillip or Mark M – let me know if this has changed. Ken

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**To:** Marcy, Ken  
**Subject:** FW: OSWER, R8 Action; Guardian; DDL COB; Aminas River Spill (Deadline: TODAY)  
**Importance:** High

Ken—do you have numbers on how many tailings facilities are in region 10—responding to the reporter's question below?

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**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 9:53 AM

**To:** Adams, Bill; Biggs, Kirby; Carr, Loften; Casanova, Rafael; Doolan, Mark; Gunter, Jason; Hanley, Jim; Hathaway, Ed; Hillenbrand, John; Hoogerheide, Roger; Jackson, Brad; Jenkins, Joy; Mahmud, Shahid; Mahoney, Michael; Marcy, Ken; Moreen, Ed; Price, Lisa; Progess, Christina; Purcell, Mark; Riley, Gary; Root, Charlie; Sparks, Sara; Teichert, Candice; Tomten, Dave; Adams, Bill; Autrey, Brad; Aycock, Jim; Baumgarten, Gary; Bless, Diana; Butler, Barbara; Carr, Loften; Chadwick, Dan; Cherepy, Andrea; Conway, Bette; Cozza, Daniel; Cruz, Francisco; Desai, Sheila; Deschambault, Lynda; Devito, Steve; DiCosmo, Nefertiti; Dixon, Douglas; Doolan, Mark; Forren, John; Forrest, Sabrina; Geselbracht, Jeanne; Godsey, Cindi; Goodrick, John; Grandinetti, Cami; Hanley, Jim; Hardy, Michael; Hathaway, Ed; Hillenbrand, John; Hood, Lynne; Housman, Van; Hudiburgh, Gary; Jackson, Brad; Jenkins, Joy; Jessop, Carter; Byrne, Jim; Johnson, Brent; Long, Larry; Lavaty, Ann; Lazorchak, Jim; Lensink, Andy; Lesser, Ben; Ellis, Lisa; Low, Seth; Mahmud, Shahid; Mahoney, Michele; Manoyan, Simon; Marcy, Ken; Mayer, Kevin; Miller, Anna; Egidi, Philip; Progess, Christina; Purcell, Mark; Riley, Gary; Root, Charlie; Roy, Stephen; Russell, Carol; Teichert, Candice; Teitelbaum, Daniel; Tiago, Joseph; Tomten, Dave; Watt, Jamey; Wilkening, Matt

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**Importance:** High

Do we have any numbers on the questions posed by the reporter below? I know Region 10 was doing something to respond to the Canadians to follow up on Mt. Polly but I am not sure what the other regions have. Thanks!

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**From:** Dreyfus, Melissa G.  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 12:14 PM  
**To:** Mahmud, Shahid  
**Cc:** Gartner, Lois; Wells, Suzanne  
**Subject:** FW: OSWER, R8 Action; Guardian; DDL COB; Aminas River Spill (Deadline: TODAY)

**From:** Cohen, Nancy  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 12:09 PM  
**To:** Dreyfus, Melissa G.  
**Cc:** Wells, Suzanne; Gartner, Lois  
**Subject:** FW: OSWER, R8 Action; Guardian; DDL COB; Aminas River Spill (Deadline: TODAY)

Melissa: I want to follow the correct process on press inquiries related to the Aminas River spill but don't want to lose time either. So here's an inquiry we received from OPA. We may also get it via the EOC.

Thanks, nancy

Nancy Cohen

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 11:31 AM  
**To:** Smith, Paula; Faulk, Libby; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Mylott, Richard; Cohen, Nancy  
**Subject:** OSWER, R8 Action; Guardian; DDL COB; Aminas River Spill

All, I've sent this inquiry to Region 8 already, but it looks as though OSWER might want to take a look at the first two questions. Please let me know.

If we could get a response by COB Today, the reporter could run the story in tomorrow's paper. Please advise. Thanks, R.

**From:** Karl Mathiesen  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 7:45 AM  
**To:** Daguillard, Robert  
**Subject:** Guardian media enquiry

Hi Robert,

I'm a journalist with the Guardian writing a piece on the release from the Gold King Mine in Colorado.

I have a few questions on the background of the situation. Please do your best to answer them all.

On the general state of tailings dams and mines. How many such storage facilities are there across the country? How does the EPA monitor the maintenance and condition of mines and dams that are holding contaminated water? Are abandoned mines, like Gold King, monitored?

It has been reported that the EPA has been trying to designate the area as a superfund area for

some time. When was the idea first floated? Why was it unsuccessful? Does the EPA believe the spill would have occurred regardless of the lack of superfund designation? Would that have changed the way the clean up was undertaken (ie would there have been more money available and therefore less likelihood of a failure?)?

Best,

Karl

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Karl Mathiesen

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